Availability of Tuna fishes in EEZ

1198. PROF. P.J. KURIAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have made any extensive survey of tuna available in the Indian EEZ by the Fishery Survey of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the period when such a survey was done;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Fishery Survey of India has not been able to back up its surveys with ground realities; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to review the working of the FSI?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Fishery Survey of India commenced regular surveys of tuna and tuna like resources in seas around India in the early 1980s and conducted preliminary and extensive surveys as detailed below:

Vessel	Area	Period
Matsya Sugundhi	South-west coast, Bay of Bengal, Andaman Sea and Equatorial Waters	1983-87
Matsya Harini	South-east coast	1986-01
MFV Yellow Fin	North-west and South-east coast	1989 to till date
MFV Blue Marlin	North-west coast and Andaman and Nicobar Waters	1989 to till date
Matsya Vrushti	Arabian Sea	2004 to till date
Matsya Drushti	Bay of Bengal	2004 to till date

(c) No, Sir. Fishery Survey of India has been gathering fishery resources data during the surveys for tuna and tuna like resources, which are compiled and disseminated in the form of Atlases, Charts, Occasional scientific papers and Resources Information Series.

(d) The Fishery Survey of India works are being reviewed periodically and the first such review was done in 1983 and the second in 1995. The mandate of FSI has accordingly been revised.

Empowered Committee on Marine Fisheries

1199. PROF. P.J. KURIAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Empowered Committee on Deep Sea Fishing has been formed by Government;

(b) the details of members of this empowered committee;

(c) the role of this empowered committee;

(d) whether it is a fact that the empowered committee has not been able to solve the basic problems of deep sea fishing sector; and

(e) if so, the steps proposed to review the need of this committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. An Empowered Committee on Marine Fisheries has been constituted in November, 2004. The details of the members of this Empowered Committee and its terms of reference are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Statement

Details regarding Empowered Committee on Marine Fisheries

The composition of the Empowered Committee is as follows:—

1.	Secretary, Deptt. of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries	Chairperson
2.	Adviser (Agri), Planning Commission	Member
3.	Joint Secretary, Ministry of Finance, D/o Economic Affairs	Member
4.	Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs	Member
5.	Joint Secretary, (Navy), Ministry of Defence	Member